

Alternative 1  
Iditarod National Historic Trail  
South End Area



South End Area (SE)								
(Note: Segments RR1 & KL1 are displayed on area map and in table for reference, but not included in summary text below )								
Segment	Miles	1986 INHT Comprehensive Plan	AK DOT & AK RR*	Alternative 1 FS Action	Trail Class	Primary** Managed Use (summer)	Primary** Managed Use (winter)	Prohibited Trail Use
RR1	32.2	Primary Route	Rail Route	-	-	-	-	-
H1	3.3	Connecting Trail	Bike Path	-	-	-	-	-
H2	13.9	Connecting Trail	Bike Path	-	-	-	-	-
SE2	2.2	Prop. Side Trail	Bike Path	-	-	-	-	-
SE3	5.6	Prop. Side Trail	-	Main Route	3	ATV, bike, hike	snowmo, ski	none
SE4	0.7	-	-	Access Route	3	ATV, bike, hike	snowmo, ski	none
SE6	1.6	Prop. Side Trail	-	Main Route	2	hike	none	motorized
SE7	5.5	Prop. Side Trail	-	Main Route	3	hike	snowmo, ski	summer motor
SE8	6.8	-	-	Alternate Route	3	hike	snowmo	summer motor
KL1	4.8	-	-	Main Route	3	hike	ski	summer motor

\* Indicates existing, planned or proposed AK Department of Transportation or AK Railroad INHT segments.

\*\* Indicates actively managed trail use. Other trail uses allow ed unless prohibited.

**South End Summary:** The INHT starts at the Sea Life Center in Seward and would follow existing paved pathways through town. It would then be routed alongside Seward Hwy up to the Nash Road intersection (H1). The trail would then proceed east along Nash Road to the existing Trailhead, just across the road from the Seward Meridian Monument (SE2).

Existing trail segments for the South End start at the Trailhead on Nash Road. The trail traverses spruce forests and crosses four flood-prone creeks (SE3). Segment SE7 continues from the north end of Bear Lake north and west, crossing the Seward Hwy near the Goldenfin Lake Ski Trailhead, where it connects to KL1. It would continue to provide 15.0 miles of summer hiking trail, of which 6.3 miles would also used by ATV's, bikes and horses. A majority of the SE area trail segments cross State lands. Some sections have existing easements, but not all. The Seward Trailblazers, a local Chapter of Iditarod Inc., manages this exsiting trail. The Lost Lake Trail is an existing FS trail that would be an INHT winter alternate route in Alt. 4.

**Bike Path:** Two trail segments along the Seward Highway are displayed on the map (H1 & H2). Both of these are bike paths that are planned as part of DOT's MP0-MP17 Highway reconstruction project. Together these segments would account for approximately 17 miles of paved bike path. Segment SE2 would be a 2.2 mile long bike path along Nash Road

**Trailheads:** The South End Area includes four existing trailheads: near the Sealife Center in Seward, on Nash Road, at the end of Bear Lake Road, and at Goldenfin Lake Ski Trail (MP11.4 Seward Highway).

